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2. (Amended) The light diffusing sheet of Claim 1, wherein the resinous beads of the light diffusing layer have an averaged particle diameter of 1 micrometer to 50 micrometers.

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4. (Amended) A light diffusing sheet comprising:  
a transparent base sheet;  
a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet; and  
a sticking-proof layer provided on a rear surface side of the base sheet, wherein  
the sticking-proof layer is formed by dispersing resinous beads and a fine inorganic filler into a binder, and  
the fine inorganic filler is colloidal silica having an average particle diameter that is in a range of 5 nanometers to 50 nanometers.

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5. (Amended) The light diffusing sheet of Claim 4, wherein the resinous beads of the sticking-proof layer has an averaged particle diameter of 1 micrometer to 50 micrometers.

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7. (Amended) A backlight unit comprising:  
a lamp;  
a light guiding plate disposed laterally of the lamp for guiding light rays emitted from the lamp to a front surface side; and  
a light diffusing sheet disposed on a front surface side of the light guiding plate, wherein,  
said light diffusing sheet comprises;  
a transparent base sheet; and  
a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet, wherein